Reservation to backward classes in appointment of judges in Supreme Court and High Courts

*216. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are following the policy of giving representation to backward classes in the appointment of Judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts; and

(b) if so, since when and what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) and (b) The appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts are made in terms of Articles 124 and 217 of the Constitution of India respectively, which do not provide for reservation in favour of any caste or class of persons.

Government have addressed letters to the Chief Ministers of the States and Chief Justices of the High Courts requesting them to prefer persons from the Bar belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, other Backward Classes, Minority Communities, women etc. who are suitable for appointment as High Court Judges.

Demand for more Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country

*217. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great demand for opening more Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country and at a greater pace;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not opening even a single Kendriya Vidyalaya in the country during the 1990-91 session; and

(c) what is the number of new Kendriya Vidyalayas proposed to be opened in 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas depends upon the suitability of the proposals from the prescribed user agencies, availability of physical facilities and financial resources. The possibility of opening new Kendriya Vidyalayas is under consideration.

Setting up of Spinning Mills

*218. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of spinning mills set up/licences given during the last three years State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposals to set up some spinning mills in Orissa are pending since long;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to clear these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) During the last 3 years 32 Spinning Mills were set up and 81 licences were given. Details State-wise are given in the statement.

(b) No proposal is pending with the Ministry of Textiles for setting up spinning mills in Orissa.

(c) and (d) Question do not arise.

Statement

Name of the States	No. of Units set up	No. of Licences issued
1. Andhra Pradesh	4	3
2. Assam	1	..
3. Bihar	..	2
4. Gujarat	..	7
5. Haryana	..	4
6. Himachal Pradesh	..	7
7. Madhya Pradesh	2	14
8. Maharashtra	5	12
9. Orissa	..	3
10. Punjab	..	9
11. Rajasthan	..	2
12. Tamil Nadu	17	11
13. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	..	2
14. Uttar Pradesh	1	3
15. Goa	..	1
16 J & K	..	1
17. Karnataka	1	..
18. Pondicherry	1	..
	32	81

Export of Handloom Products

*219. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what quantity of handloom products have been exported variety-wise and country-wise during the last three years and their value;

(b) what steps are being taken to promote further exports of handloom products;

(c) whether there are any trade agreements with any country for the export of handloom products and if so, what are the quantities of handloom products earmarked for export this year;

(d) what arrangements have been made to see that powerloom cloth is not mixed up with handloom cloth, which is exported; and

(e) what are reasons for which powerloom cloth is not stamped at the loom stage to identify powerloom cloth and to prevent its mixing with handloom cloth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (e) A